

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8773  
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INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E. O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, CSCE, UR, US (TOTH, ROBERT)  
SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT

REFS: A. MOSCOW 8548, B. MOSCOW 8464

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED TOTH CASE WITH MFA/USA DIVISION COUNSELOR TRIFONOV AT SPASO RECEPTION JUNE 15. AMBASSADOR ADVISED MFA TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHITE HOUSE STATEMENTS REGARDING TOTH, AND TO REALIZE THAT US IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER SOVIET TREATMENT OF US CORRESPONDENT. AMBASSADOR URGED SOVIETS TO DROP CASE AND ALLOW TOTH TO DEPART USSR.

2. PER REF (A), WHILE TEXT OF PROTEST DELIVERED TO MFA JUNE 14 DID NOT MENTION SOVIET REFUSAL TO ALLOW TOTH'S DEPARTURE, AS NOTED REF (B), E/C COUNSELOR DID PREFACE READING OF PROTEST BY COMMENTING THAT THIS ADDITIONAL SOVIET ACTION MADE MATTER SPI MORE SERIOUS.

3. ON IF ASKED BASIS, EMBASSY WILL INFORM PRESS THAT WE CONTINUED TO INFORM SOVIETS OF OUR CONCERN OVER TOTH CASE, INCLUDING COMMENTS  
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AMBASSADOR MADE TO MFA OFFICIAL JUNE 15.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: PARA 2 AS RECEIVED.

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